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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Nabors, et al.

Examiner: Le, K.

Group Art Unit: 2761

Application No.: 09/188,863

Filed: November 9, 1998

For: A System and Related Methods Facilitating  
the Identification and Purchase of a Product  
Over a Data Network

Box Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This response is presented to the Office Action mailed *March 8, 2002*. In light of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

**Currently Pending Claims:**

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product configuration;

automatically transmitting an automatically prepared request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the RFQ including at least a subset of the received set of product attributes; and

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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated Sept. 30, 2002

**Remarks**

Examiner Le-

In response to your Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please find a copy of our entire response submitted July 8, 2002, including a marked-up version of the amended claims (Appendix A, page 19).

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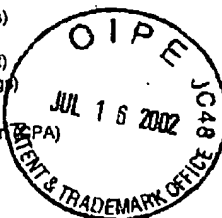
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